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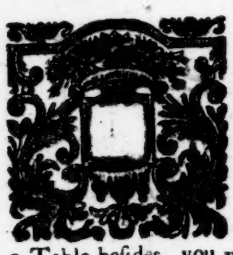
Quam non Ingenio Nomina digna meo!
Ovid. de Triſt.

To Mr. TROTT-PLAID.

SIR,



Am a Widow of about Sixty, with a good Two hundred and fifty Pounds in my Pocket. My Huſband was by Trade a Bookſeller, and a very warm Man in what they call the *Country Intereſt*. With ſuch a Profeſſion and ſuch Principles, and keeping a Table beſides, you will eaſily believe he was not unacquainted with political Writers. Among theſe Gentlemen, I will freely confeſs, there was one of ſo intrepid and adventurous a Spirit, that my Heart has never been at Eaſe ſince I firſt knew him. If the Writer of a Paper called *Old England* ſhould enter your Head, you will have a good Gueſs.—In ſhort, as I have now had it in my Power for above theſe three Weeks to reward his Paſſion, he has purſued me with ſuch Diligence as would certainly have carried me, if it was not for one Circumſtance: The Matter is, that the unfortunate Swain above-mentioned happens at preſent to be almoſt reduced to a Condition of ſtarving. This deplorable Misfortune is owing to that very Mrs. *Supple*, whoſe Huſband furniſhed out a Paper ſometime ago in your *Journal*; for before that Lady undertook the writing of *Old England*, my Lover was in the full Poſſeſſion of Half a Guinea a Week, which enabled him to eat and drink, and dreſs and live as well as the beſt of them. Now, though it appears to him, and every Body elſe, that Mrs. *Supple*'s Papers have not common Senſe, or common *Engliſh* to recommend them, yet his Bread, it ſeems, is to be taken from him.——But why, you'll ſay, do I apply to you in ſuch an Affair?—To you who have been ſo frequently and ſcurrilouſly abuſed by him? I'll tell you, Mr. *Trottplaid*.—You have the Character of a mild and charitable Man; one that can forget Injuries, or rather, that can repay ill Offices with good ones. Now you muſt know that the Favour we have to deſire of you is this; that you will admit my Lover to his Half-Guinea a Week, and make uſe of him in your own Paper.—He aſſures me in the Sincerity of his Heart, that he has always had an Inclination to write on your Side, if he could have gotten the ſmalleſt Pittance imaginable; and now, indeed, it will be impoſſible for him to ſubſiſt, unleſs you are kind enough to receive him. He would have written to you himſelf and told you ſo, but that it is not his Talent to write civilly and like a Gentleman, even where he asks a Favour; for Abuſe, he ſays, is what he has been always uſed to, and he finds it impoſſible to turn his Hand to any thing elſe.—For this Reaſon he has commiſſioned me to be his Advocate, and has given me Inſtructions in what I am going to propoſe.

He has deſired me to repeat to you, that he is utterly undone, unleſs you receive him into pay. Your own Underſtanding, he ſays, will lead you to believe him, even though he were to be re-admited as a Patriot-Writer: For as Reaſon and Argument were never his Talent, any more than Wit or Humour, he has apply'd himſelf wholly to Scurrility; but as every Thing muſt have an End, he finds his Genius to be driven to a Stand, and that it is impoſſible for him to carry Abuſe one Step farther againſt the ſame Set of People. Indeed, he is apt to wonder at himſelf that he has been able to hold out ſo long; and that in Spite of Talents and Inclination, he could ſo wind up his Bottom as he has done. From this uniform Behaviour to the very laſt, he begs you to conſider how true he can be to the Party that engages him; and as Abuſe ſeems, at preſent, to be the one Thing needful, in all political Controverſies, he is entirely at your Service for any Dirt you have a Mind to throw. His Knowledge of the Party he has ſo long ſerved under, will furniſh him with ſome entire new Strokes, beſides the old Abuſe, which he ſhall be very ready to write over again, if he be allowed the Honour of changing Sides. Beſides theſe, he ſays, he has many entertaining Stories in private Life, relating to his former Employers, which are abſolute Secrets to all the World but the Parties concerned and himſelf; in which it will appear, that three Parts in four of them deſerve to be whipt at the Cart's Tail. He hopes that a Diſcovery of this Kind will not be called a Breach of Truſt; for he humbly preſumes, that where Friendſhip is once broken, every Man has a Right to communicate all he knows; and for this Opinion he begs Leave to appeal to the univerſal Practice of Mankind. He alſo deſires me to tell you, that if you agree to his Propoſals, there is no Office whatſoever that he ſhall think too mean for him. He can be very handy, he ſays, about a Gentleman's Perſon, having lived in ſeveral Services; and tho' his natural Talents rather lead him to throw Dirt than to remove it, he can, however, handle a Bruſh with Diſcretion, and has a new Receipt for the beſt kind of Blacking.

I have troubled you thus far, Sir, with my Lover's Propoſals, at his own Deſire. If I treſpaſs ſtill farther upon your Patience in Behalf of myſelf, I hope your Goodneſs will forgive me. I am (as I told you before) a Woman of Sixty, an Age that is ſeldom known to invite many Admirers, and which ſhould make me cautious of neglecting the firſt good Offer. Add to this, that the Man is diſtractedly in Love with me, is many Years younger than myſelf, and will, in all Probability, make a faithful Husband; eſpecially as the Neceſſities of his Life have hitherto ſecured him from the Acquaintance of lewd Women. From theſe Conſiderations, I moſt earneſtly beg your Concurrence with the above Propoſals. The Intereſt of my own Fortune, added to my Lover's weekly half Guinea, and a Shirt now and then from your Bounty, will afford a comfortable Maintenance to a Couple, whoſe firſt Conſideration is Love, and who only covet the Neceſſaries of Life, as they contribute to the Gratification of that Paſſion. Your Anſwer and Compliance will greatly oblige,

Sir,

Your moſt faithful humble Servant,

Thurſday, Aug. 18. 1748.

MARY REYNHOLDS.

To Mrs. REYNHOLDS.

Madam,

I Am unable to anſwer your Letter in the Manner you would wiſh, having lately received ſome Propoſals from the *Fool*, and the *London Evening Poſt*, of the like kind with yours. The Talent of throwing Dirt, which all theſe Gentlemen ſo much glory in, is, I own very neceſſary for their own Papers, and, indeed, their only Recommendation; but at preſent I cannot ſee the Uſe of it in mine. If I ſhould ever entertain a Thought of engaging one or more of theſe Gentlemen, it can be only to collect the News Articles of this Paper; and even theſe I ſhould like to ſee drawn up in a new Manner; I mean, ſo as they may be underſtood. The *Fool* has ſent me a Specimen of his Talents this Way; but there is a Science called Grammar that I could wiſh him to be a little acquainted with. The Writer of the *London Evening* may be ſaid to abound in this Want equal to his Brother; but as *Breaks* and *Daſhes* are no Parts of Speech, this Gentleman will be liable to fewer Miſtakes. Upon the Whole, there is no one of theſe Gentlemen that I can abſolutely determine upon, unleſs ſome previous Service be firſt done me; and there happens at preſent to be a fair Opportunity for this Service. I have received lately a Letter from the Iſle of *Wight*, written in ſo very bad a Hand, that I am unable to gueſs at what the Writer means. He ſeems to hint at a certain Set of grave Gentlemen that make their Appearance there in Plaid Waiſtcoats; but who they are, or what they are doing, I cannot poſſibly make out. Now if the Writer of *Old England* will give himſelf the Trouble of viſiting the Iſle of *Wight*, and will ſend me from thence the Particulars of this Affair, it ſhall recommend him effectually to the Conſideration of, *Madam*,

Your moſt humble Servant,

JOHN TROTT-PLAID.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

From the London Gazette.

Nuremberg, Auguſt 12, N. S.

YEſterday General Lieven, who upon Prince Repnin's Death had taken the Command of the Ruſſian Army in the Pay of the Maritime Powers, paſſed through this Place in his Way from the firſt Column thereof to that of the Centre: And Orders having been received for the Troops, which compoſed it, to return to their own Country, the Ruſſian Generals had come to an Agreement with the Commiſſaries for carrying back their Sick to Bohemia.

Hamburgh, Auguſt 21, N. S. According to the lateſt Letters received here from Stockholm, the King of Sweden finds ſuch Benefit from the Courſe he is in of the Spaw-Waters, which have enabled him to make an Excurſion to Carlſberg, that Hopes are conceived, that his Majeſty may yet recover from his late Indiſpoſition.

Head Quarters at Eyndhoven, Aug. 27, N. S. On the 24th in the Evening his Royal Highneſs the Duke of

Cumberland arrived here from Hanover, and propoſes to ſet out for England on Sunday or Monday next.

Hague, Auguſt 27, N. S. The Burghers of Amſterdam do not ſeem to be at all ſatisfied with the Anſwer the Regency thought proper to return laſt Week to their Petition; and every Thing is once more in ſuch a Situation in that Town, as gives Room to fear, that ſtill greater Diſorders are likely to enſue than have yet been ſeen there. The Prince of Orange's Deputation to Frieſland is to ſet out Tomorrow or next Day for that Province: M. Gavaerts is appointed one of the Deputies inſtead of M. C. Bentinck, who is to depart for Hanover ſome Time this Week. The ſolemn Depatation from the States of Frieſland delivered, a few Days ago, to the Prince of Orange, the Diploma of the Hereditary Succeſſion in the Male and Female Line of Highneſs's Iſſue. And Yeſterday the Prince received an Expreſs from Groningen, with Advice, that the States of that Province have taken the Reſolution to give him the Diſpoſal of all their Great Civil Employments; a Power they had hitherto reſerved to themſelves. The Inhabitants of the Country of Drenthe, animated by the Example of their Neighbours of Groningen and Frieſland, have begun to commit ſeveral Diſorders, and we hear that every Thing there is in the utmoſt Confuſion.

Madrid, Auguſt 17. Upon Advice received that the King of Great Britain had reſolved to ſend Mr. Keene here, who at preſent is his Britannick Majeſty's Miniſter at Liſbon, the Court has given Orders that that Miniſter ſhould be treated with all poſſible Marks of Diſtinction in the ſeveral Places through which he is to paſs in his Journey from Portugal. W. E.

Calvi, July 21. The Auſtrian and Piedmonteſe Troops, accompanied by the Malecontents, have plundered all the Diſtrict of Ronſa; and the Crew of an Engliſh Man of War, that lay in the Gulph of St. Fiorenzo, came in for a conſiderable Share of the Booty: Even the Churches and conſerated Veſſels did not eſcape. ib.

Saxona, Auguſt 6. The Day before Yeſterday Admiral Byng received a Courier from London, with Orders to return with his Fleet to England: The ſame Evening two of his Squadron ſailed for Port-Mahon, and another for England; but as to himſelf, he propoſes to have an Interview before his Departure with Marſhal Belleiſle, who is making great Preparations at Nice to receive him with Eclat, having, among other Things, planted thirty-eight Pieces of Cannon on the Sea-ſide, to ſalute him with. There are fifteen Ships of this Admiral in the Road of Vado, and the reſt are daily expected. The Engliſh have ſent back to Villafranca a Spaniſh Battalion, which they made Priſoners ſome Time ago as they were going to Genoa. ib.

Vienna, Auguſt 17. By a Courier lately arrived from Conſtantinople, we have received a particular Account of the Inſurrection which lately happened there, and which has coſt the Lives of about 4000 Rebels, who were thrown into the Sea bound Hand and Foot. ib.

Breſlau, Auguſt 18. We have received the diſagreeable News from Ratiſbor, that the Town of Pleſs, belonging to the Houſe of Promnitz, was reduced to Aſhes by Fire on the 8th Inſtant, with the Roman Catholick Church, and the Evangelical Oratory, nothing being left ſtanding but the Caſtle, which was conſiderably damaged. ib.

Hanover, Auguſt 20. Frequent Conferences have been held at Herenhauſen for ſeveral Days paſt, to conſider of the Plan of the definitive Treaty of Peace which has been drawn up at Aix la Chapelle; it is aſſured that the King has approved the ſame in all Reſpects, with ſome little Alteration: It has been ſince ſent to the Earl of Sandwich; ſo that we expect ſoon to hear that the ſame is ſigned by the reſpective Miniſters. Sir Thomas Robinſon, who is alſo to ſign it as ſecond Plenipotentiary from the King, is ſet out for Aix la Chapelle, having received his final Inſtructions, and taken Leave of his Majeſty. ib.

Aix la Chapelle, Auguſt 23. Some of the Imperial Troops, that have been broke up from the Camp at Ruremonde, are come into this Neighbourhood. Count St. Severin, accompanied by the Abbe de la Ville, arrived here Yeſterday from Compeigne. His Excellency has been complimented by all the Miniſters, and had afterwards a long Conference with M. Van Haren, one of the Plenipotentiaries of the States General. ib.

The Public was ſome Time ago informed, that when Count Kaunitz, the Imperial Plenipotentiary, acceded on the 23d of May to the Preliminaries, he delivered at the ſame Time a Declaration to the other Miniſters, the Subſtance of which was then given: In Anſwer to that Piece, and to invalidate the Contents of it, the Miniſters of England and Holland made the following Counter Declaration.

'Although Count Kaunitz has acceded in the moſt 'ſimple Manner, and without any Exception or Reſerve, 'to the Preliminaries ſigned the 30th of April, 1748, 'and in a Form ſo clear, that no Difficulty could ariſe 'upon it: Yet as he did not, in the ſaid Act of Succeſſion, make any Mention of the Declaration he had 'before made on the 23d of laſt Month: In order to a'void for the future all Miſunderſtanding or Equivoca'tion on that Subject, we the underſigned Miniſters and 'Plenipotentiaries of his Majeſty the King of Great 'Britain, and the Republic of the United Provinces of 'the Low Countries, &c. declare and certify, that we 'admitted the ſaid Act of Acceſſion purely and ſimply, 'and without any Reſerve or Exception whatever, and 'in ſuch Manner as not to be ſubject to any Explica'tion relative to the Declaration of the 23d of May, 'which is taken for null, abrogated, and void of Effect, as 'was expreſly declared to Count Kaunitz before and after 'his Act of Acceſſion. In Witneſs whereof we have 'ſigned the preſent Declaration at Aix la Chapelle, 'May 31, 1748.

Sandwich, *Haſſelaar*,
Bentinck, *Van Haren*.
Waſſenaer,

The following is an entire Copy of the Convention made the 2d Inſtant betwixt the Miniſters of France, Great-Britain, and the States General, with reſpect to Ruſſian Troops.

'We the underwritten Miniſters Plenipotentiary of his 'Britannic Majeſty, his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, and the 'Lords the States General of the United Provinces, at 'the Conferences at Aix la Chapelle, have agreed, that 'in order the more ſpeedily to reach the But of a Ge'neral Pacification, and to give reciprocal Proofs of the 'ſincere Deſire of their Britannic and moſt Chriſtian 'Majeſties and the Lords the States General have to 'execute the Preliminaries of the 30th of April laſt; 'his Britannic Majeſty and the States General, imme'diately after the Signature of this Convention, ſhall 'ſend Orders to the Auxiliary Corps of 37,000 Ruſſians 'in Pay, and actually in March through Germany to'wards the Low Countries, to return immediately to'wards Ruſſia; and that the ſaid Corps of Ruſſian 'Troops ſhall return thither as ſoon as poſſibly they can, 'according to the Conditions of the Treaty concluded 'and ſigned at Peterſburg, the 19th of November laſt, 'betwixt his Britannic Majeſty and the States General 'on one Side, and her Imperial Majeſty of all the 'Ruſſias on the other; and that it ſhall not be permitted 'to the ſaid Ruſſian Troops, upon any Pretext to march 'any farther towards the Low Countries: And that his 'moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, immediately after the Signa'ture of this Convention, ſhall ſend into the Interior of 'France, a like Number of Regular Troops now in the 'Low Countries, as well Infantry as Horſe and Dra'goons, of which a Liſt ſhall be given at the ſame Time 'to the Miniſters Plenipotentiary of his Britannic Ma'jeſty and the States General at Aix la Chapelle: Which 'Troops, or a like Number, his moſt Chriſtian Ma'jeſty ſhall reform in a Month after he knows, in an 'authentic Manner, of the actual Departure of the ſaid 'Body of Ruſſian Troops towards Ruſſia; and his ſaid 'moſt Chriſtian Majeſty ſhall communicate to his Britan'nic Majeſty and the States General this Reform within 'a Month. His Britannic Majeſty and the States Gene'ral of the United Provinces engage moreover, that 'the ſaid Auxiliaries ſhall not be employed in the Service 'of any other Power while they are in their Pay, and 'that in caſe they cannot return into their own Country 'before the Expiration of the firſt Year for which they 'are engaged, and during which, according to Treaty, 'they are ſtill to remain in their Pay and Service, it is 'expreſly ſtipulated that they may not be employed, un'der any Pretext whatſoever, either againſt his moſt 'Chriſtian Majeſty or his Allies, after the Reform above'mentioned is made and executed in the Troops paid by 'his ſaid moſt Chriſtian Majeſty.

'In Witneſs whereof, &c.

Signed,

Sandwich, *F. H. Waſſenaer*.
St. Severin d'Arragon, *G. Haſſelaer*,
W. Bentinck, *W. Borſelle*.

Paris, Auguſt 29. Letters from Provence adviſe, that the Mulberry Trees, and the greater Part of the Silkworms were ſo much deſtroyed by the late rigorous Winter, that the Price of Silk is riſen two Sols per Ounce. The Count de St. Severin d'Arragon ſets out Tomorrow from Compeigne for Aix la Chapelle, with the final Orders in relation to the ſigning of the Definitive Treaty. It is hoped that no new Difficulty will ariſe to hinder the Execution of it; but if, contrary to Expectation, any ſhould, the Treaty will be ſigned in the ſame Manner as were the Preliminaries: It will be left to the reſpective Courts, whoſe Miniſters did not ſign at the ſame Time with the others, to accede to it afterwards. The Propoſal made by the Empreſs of Ruſſia is accepted of: That Princeſs will be comprehended in the Treaty as a Party adhering to the General Pacification, ſo ſoon as the principal Points concluded on ſhall have had their full and whole Effect. W. E.

From the Paris A-la main, dated Auguſt 28. *N. S.*

It is aſſured, that the Peace will be ſettled the latter End of this, or the Beginning of next Month. Our Court ſeems to be very buſy relating to the Evacuation of the Low Countries: Cape Breton will be reſtored at the ſame Time, and the Dutchies of Parma, Placentia, and Guaſtalla are to be yielded up in Favour of Don Philip. ib.

Liege, Auguſt 20. The French are in great Motion in the Dutchy of Limburgh, the Country of Fauquemont, and the Neighbourhood thereof. They write from Aix la Chapelle, that the Earl of Sandwich arrived there from the Spaw the 16th, as did Sir Thomas Robinſon the ſame Day, and notified the ſame to the reſpective Miniſters. Count Kaunitz arrived there alſo the next Day. ib.

Hague, Auguſt 28. According to private Letters from Stockholm of the 13th Inſtant, the King was ſo well recovered as to confer with his Miniſters on public Affairs. Theſe Letters add, that they were about fixing the Military State of Sweden at 80,000 Foot, and 35,000 Horſe, and of forming a Corpſe of Light Troops in Finland, in oppoſition to the Ruſſian Coſaques; for which Regulations the neceſſary Funds had been already agreed on. ib.

From the London Gazette.

Admiralty-Office, Auguſt 23. His Majeſty's Ships the Dreadnought and Sutherland, are arrived in the Downs, with the Trade from Barbadoes and the Leeward Iſlands, conſiſting of 136 Sail of Engliſh and Dutch.

Arſchot, Auguſt 11, N. S. Advices having been received, that the Country about the Abbey of Tongerloo and Weſterloo was infeſted by a Company of 309 Banditti and Deſerters from both Armies, who had committed great Diſorders, and that they were able to pillage the Villages and Gentlemens Houſes. Orders are ſent to Tiſtelt, Zichem, Dieſt, Halem and Hereck, to ſtop all People without Exception, who attempted to paſs the Bridges erected on the Rivers, becauſe there is great Reaſon to believe that the greateſt Part of the Banditti on the other Side would join themſelves to the Lanheeren, a Name which thoſe Fellows give themſelves, who keep in the Country of Dagland, which comprehends the Towns ſituated between the Demer and the Dyle.

Bruſſels, Auguſt 25, N. S. The Regiment of Alſace, which was the Garriſon at Louvain, arrived here laſt Week, and is to remain here till the Country is quite evacuated; and the Regiment of Montmorin, which was to come hither, has Orders to go to Louvain, to replace the above Regiment of Alſace.

Hague, Auguſt 27, N. S. Letters from Paris ſay, that it is agreed in the Plan for reforming the regular Troops, that the Officers ſhall not be at all affected thereby; that the foreign and irregular Troops ſhall be preſerved entire; but that the ſeveral Companies of Infantry, Horſe, and Dragoons, ſhall be conſiderably diminiſhed. The ſame Letters ſay likewiſe, that his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty has nominated M. Du Thiel to be his Majeſty's ſecond Plenipotentiary at the Congreſs at Aix la Chappelle. ib.

Vienna, Auguſt 17. The Empreſs Queen, whoſe Time is very near, gives Tomorrow Audience for the laſt Time before her lying-in. The Saxon and Bavarian Miniſters had Yeſterday a Conference with Count Uhlefield, and next Week a Miniſter is expected here from the Elector Palatine, to ſettle ſome important Points. The 29th of this Month the Emperor and Duke Charles are to ſet out for Clumez, a Palace belonging to the Houſe of Kinsky, ſituated in Bohemia. His Majeſty and his Royal Highneſs propoſe ſpending twelve or thirteen Days there, in the Diverſion of Hunting. ib.

Liege, Auguſt 23. Yeſterday paſſed by here a Regiment of French Huſſars in their Way to Tongres. ib.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

Saturday.

This Week Count Taaffe arrived in Town from the Court of Vienna, to tranſact ſome Affairs of Importance. L. E.

We learn by a private Letter from the Hague, that a certain Officer of Diſtinction had lately the following Sentence pronounced upon him, by a Council of War, viz. that he ſhould remain eighteen Months in the Cuſtody of the Provoſt; that all his Pay, during that Time, ſhould be diſtributed amongſt the Soldiers, and applied to the defraying the Expence of the Proceſs, which amounted to One hundred Florins per Diem. It is believed that he came very cheaply off; for having obtained Leave to go to Court, he addreſſed himſelf to the Prince Stadtholder, and began with acknowledging his Fault in general Terms; upon which his Serene Highneſs turned from him upon his Heel, ſaying, with great Reſentment, 'How, Sir, do you call this Affair 'ſimply a Fault? For my Part, I conſider it as a very 'great Crime, for which Juſtice muſt have its Courſe.' W. E.

Laſt Thurſday four outlaw'd Smugglers, handcuff'd, were brought to Town from Chicheſter, under the Guard of a Company of Col. Holmes's Marines, and committed to Newgate. L. E.

On Thurſday laſt the Coroner's Inqueſt ſate on the Body of the Child that was carried, without a Coffin or Shroud, to be buried at Highgate on Tueſday laſt, by three Women, and brought in their Verdict Accidental Death, the Child having been overlaid; whereupon an Order was ſent to releaſe the three Women, from New-Priſon, who had been confined there on Suſpicion of Murder. ib.

They write from the Weſt-Indies, that Capt. Purcell, Governor of Tortola, one of the Virgin Iſlands, going over to Santa Cruz in a Sloop, in Comany with Capt. Arnold in a Rhode-Iſland Privateer, diſcovered five of the Enemy's Privateers, which they attack'd, and after a ſmart Engagement of three Hours, Capt. Arnold ſunk the largeſt of them, which was a Spaniard of eight Carriage Guns, beſides Swivels, and 120 Men, which were all drowned except nineteen. Capt. Arnold had ſeven Men killed, and received thirty-ſix Shot under the Wale of his Veſſel. The other four Privateers were ſmall French Cruizers, two of which they took, drove one aſhore, and the other eſcaped. ib.

It is ſuggeſted in ſome private Letters from Stockholm, that the Scheme of the Prince Succeſſor's educating twenty-four young Gentlemen at his own Expence, is looked upon as a political Contrivance to attach ſo many noble Families to his Intereſt, and at the ſame Time acquire a ſufficient Number of bold and enterprizing Dependants, capable of rendering him any kind of Service which the future State of his Affairs may require. Time will ſhew whether there is any Truth in this Conjecture. W. E.

According to the laſt Advices from Dreſden, a ſecret Negotiation is at preſent on the Carpet, to engage a certain northern Court to relinquiſh its Oppoſition, in Regard to the Re-election of the Marſhal Count de Saxe to the Dutchy of Courland, in Conſideration of certain Advantages that may be eſteemed an Equivalent for that Conceſſion, which however it is thought will come to nothing, and that upon the Whole, Things will either remain as they are, or the Marſhal Duke de Biron will be recalled from Exile, and reſtored to the Poſſeſſion of that Principality, an Event that would be highly ſatisfactory to many of the Nobility, as well as to the People in general. ib.

The Court of Vienna has fixed the Jewiſh Families, who have Liberty to return to their Habitations in the City of Prague, to a certain Number. ib.

We hear, that as ſoon as Peace is proclaimed with France and Spain, his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland will be declared Lord High Admiral of England, in the ſame Quality as Prince George of Denmark. ib.

Yeſterday the Right Hon. the Earl of Londonderry, and ſome other Perſons of Diſtinction, ſet out for Dover, to embark there for Paris and the South of France. ib.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor has appointed the Firſt General Seal to be held at Lincoln's-Inn-Hall, before Michaelmas Term, on the 13th of October next. ib.

We hear that ſoon after the Drawing the preſent Lottery, there will be an open Subſcription for one for the Year 1749, attended with Annuities upon Lives, and ſome peculiar Advantage to the Adventurers. ib.

Monday.

Laſt Thurſday the Right Hon. the Lords of the Admiralty received Advice, that the Nottingham Man of War was arrived at Falmouth, who gave an Account that ſhe fell in with ſixteen Dutch Eaſt India Ships, homeward-bound from Batavia; and brings Advice, that Admiral Boſcawen, with the Squadron under his Command, arrived at the Cape of Good Hope the 28th of March laſt; and that the St. George, Robſon, homeward-bound from China, arrived at St. Helena the 8th of May: The Dutch Ships arrived at St. Helena the 3d of May; but it is not ſaid when they left that Place, nor whether Capt. Robſon was with them. W. E.

Our laſt Letters from Aix-la-Chapelle ſay, that the Duke de St. Severin was expected there every Moment from Compeigne, as was alſo Count Bentick from the Hague; that the Earl of Sandwich was actually return'd from the Spaw; and that Count Harrach, M. du Theil, and Sir Thomas Robinſon, were to be there by the 21ſt or 22d N. S. at fartheſt. ib.

The Books of his Majeſty's Ships the Windſor and Advice are ſent down to Chatham, in order that the Companies of thoſe Ships may be paid off there. ib.

A few Days ago, divers looſe, idle and diſorderly Women of the Town, were taken up by ſeveral Conſtables about the Strand, Covent-Garden, and St. Andrew's, Holborn; and being carried before John Poulſon, Eſq; were by him committed to Bridewell, who, we hear, has within three Months paſt, committed upwards of 70 Perſons of both Sexes to Goal, for infeſting the Streets in the Night. ib

From Hanover they write, that the ſending back of the Ruſſian Troops leaves no doubt to expect that a Peace will be concluded in a ſhort Time. ib.

From Paris we learn, that the King has had ſeveral Conferences in the Caſtle of Muette with the young Pretender, on the Subject of the Neceſſity there was that he ſhould entirely quit the French Dominions. We are further informed, that the young Pretender declared he would go to any Country his Majeſty pleaſed, except Italy; and that in Conſequence of his ſpeedy Departure, the King has promiſed him a Penſion of 500,000 Livres per Annum. ib.

My Lord Clare, who is arrived at Paris from the Army in Flanders, has three Times had the Honour to ſup with his Majeſty at Muette. ib.

By ſeveral Perſons who lately went to Dover to embark for France, we are informed, that they were obliged to return back again, for want of Paſſports; there being an Order, within theſe few Days, that none ſhall go without them. ib.

By Letters from ſeveral Parts on the Sea Coaſt, we have an Account, that great Numbers of Locuſts have been waſhed on Shore dead, having dropt into the Sea in their Flight. ib.

We are aſſured, that as ſoon as his Royal Highneſs the Duke arrives, ſeveral Regiments will be diſbanded, and others reduced. ib.

A few Days ſince, a Gentleman's Coach-Horſe being led down by a Servant to Somerſet Houſe Water-Place, ſuddenly ſprung from the Man, and ſwam towards the Middle of the Thames: Several Boats put out to endeavour to draw him to Shore, but without Succeſs, tho' they had once nearly landed him, yet was at length drowned. ib.

One Day laſt Week a pretty luſty Gentlewoman going to a Neceſſary-Houſe at the Bottom of her Garden, at Clapton, the Boards gave Way, and ſhe fell up to her Chin in the Soil; ſhe called loudly for Help, but no body came near her, ſo that ſhe was in ſuch a faint Condition as to be near expiring; at length ſhe bethought herſelf to cry out Murder, which ſhe did as loud as ſhe could ſcream, and it had the Effect, by bringing People to her Aſſiſtance, who ſoon got her out, and ſhe was carried in Doors and taken Care of. ib.

Tueſday.

They write from Parma, that the People in that Capital, and indeed through the whole Dutchy, are in the utmoſt Conſternation, upon the Demand of a new Contribution of fifteen thouſand Sequins. The like Sum has been demanded from the Dutchy of Placentia, and an extraordinary Subſidy of one hundred and fifty-eight thouſand Florins from that of Modena, where they are cutting down the fine Woods with all the Diſpatch imaginable; whence it is believed, that the Evacuation of thoſe Dutchies, by the Auſtrian Troops, will be made without Delay. W. E.

By the laſt Letters from Maeſtricht, the French are inconteſtably providing for their Removal from thence, Part of their Artillery being already carried to Namur. The Breton Volunteers and Graſſins, Irregulars in the French Service, are diſarmed, to prevent their cutting each others Throats by Way of Amuſement. A Hemiſh Beauty that had captivated a French General Officer, and thought fit to plunder him of a Gold Snuff-Box and Watch, with his Purſe and eight hundred Ducats in ready Gold, has been ſeized at Alem, not far from Liege, and carried Priſoner to Maeſtricht. ib.

Notwithſtanding the Report of the Pretender's going to reſide at Friburg was ſome Time ago contradicted, there are Letters from Switzerland, dated the 9th Inſtant, which mention it as a determined Affair, with this Circumſtance, which can hardly be credited, that the Friburghers themſelves give out, that the Court of London had intimated a Deſire of ſeeing him ſettled in one of their Cantons, and that he is to have a Penſion of 15000 l. Sterling: But on the other Hand, Letters from Bern ſay, that the Britiſh Miniſter reſiding in that City had exerted himſelf very much to prevent the Regency of Friburg from receiving this Gueſt, but without Effect. ib.

Laſt Night, at Twelve o'Clock, the Steward of the Manor of St. Bartholomew the Great, attended by the Conſtables of Farringdon-Ward Without, went from the Pye-Powder Court, in Middle-Street, Cloth-Fair, and proclaimed Bartholomew-Fair for three Days, at all the Avenues into Smithfield, and ſet their Officers to receive the Toll, according to ancient Cuſtom. And,

This Day at Two o'Clock, the Right Hon. Sir Robert Ladbroke, Knt. Lord-Mayor, with ſeveral of the Aldermen and Sheriffs, attended by the City Officers, went in Proceſſion from Grocer's Hall to Cloth-Fair in Smithfield, and proclaim'd Bartholomew-Fair for three Days, with the uſual Ceremony. ib.

On Thurſday next thirty Days Subſiſtence will be iſſued out at the Pay Office, Whitehall, to his Majeſty's Guards, Garriſons, and Land-Forces in Great-Britain. ib.

They write from Cheſter, that the Aſſizes of Merionethſhire, Montgomeryſhire, Denbighſhire, and Flint, were all Maiden ones, and but one ſentenced for Tranſportation. ib.

It is ſaid that the French are now hard at Work in their Ports building fifty Men of War. ib.

Wedneſday.

Laſt Saturday the Aſſizes ended for the County of Surry, when five Perſons received Sentence of Death. One of the Fellows concerned in robbing Mr. Winter, a Grocer in Blackman-ſtreet, hanged himſelf on Friday Night at Kingſton, for being refuſed by the Grand Jury to be admitted an Evidence againſt his Confederate. W. E.

Two Ships of War are ordered by the Lords of the Admiralty to ſail from the Nore for Helvoetſluys, to convoy his Royal Highneſs the Duke to England. ib.

On Saturday arrived, in twenty three Days, from Gibraltar, the Swiſs Privateer, Capt. Johnſon: They had no Account there then of the Preliminaries being ſigned between Spain and us; but that the Spaniards were in the greateſt Hopes that it would be ſoon, and Commerce opened, being quite ſick of the War. Manufactures of all Kinds are exceeding cheap at Gibraltar, owing to the great Number of Prizes which have been taken and carried in there. ib.

The renewing of Commerce with Spain commences Tomorrow. ib.

On Friday Night a Tradeſman coming through St. James's Park, by the Stable-Yard, heard a Woman ſcream terribly by the Canal, on which he made to her Aſſiſtance, and ſaw a Man make off, and the Woman up to her Neck in the Canal; on which ſome others coming up, they got her out, when it appeared, he had robbed her of her Pocket and Money, and Silver Buckles, and afterwards flung her in, where ſhe would have been drowned, had they not come ſeaſonably to her Aſſiſtance. ib.

Thurſday.

From Chamberry in Savoy, we are informed, that there is a Mortality broke out among the Cattle; that fifty have died already at four Villages, within three Leagues of the Capital; but that the Magiſtrates of Health are taking all poſſible Precautions to prevent, if poſſible, the Progreſs thereof, by cutting off all Communication with the neighbouring Villages. W. E.

By Letters from the Hague we are informed, that the Troops of the Republic are going to take Poſſeſſion of Bergen-op-Zoom ſo ſoon as the French have retired from that Place, they having received Orders to hold themſelves in Readineſs for that Purpoſe. ib.

And from Tholen, Auguſt 4, we are told, the French have been buſy, ſome Days paſt, in removing their Artillery from that Place. ib.

We are aſſured, that the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſeveral Counties, where the Diſtemper has raged among the Horned Cattle, have certified to the Lords of the Privy-Council that the Infection is ceaſed, and that the Cattle are in perfect Health. ib.

On Monday the great Match at Cricket, between the Gentlemen of London and thoſe of Berks, was played in the Artillery Ground, and decided in favour of the former. ib.

The Court of Directors of the Hon. the Eaſt-India Company have received the agreeable News that the Ilcheſter, Capt. Ted, from India, laſt from Liſbon, was arrived in the Dows. ib.

Wednesday being the Day fixed for the Ladies Hunt, a Stag was rouzed near the Green Man on Epping-Forest, which ran several Hours, and afforded exceeding good Diversion. There were present a great Number of Ladies finely mounted, many of whom kept in View the whole Chace, and came in at the Death. Several, in the Chace, were thrown from their Horses, rode over, and received much Hurt. ib.

Friday.

On Wednesday two Boys playing at a Window in Baldwin's Gardens, Gray's-Inn-Lane, one of them pushed the other into the Street, and a Dray coming by at that Instant, the Wheel run over the Lad's Head, which crushed it to Pieces, and killed him on the Spot. ib.

On Tuesday Night last was interr'd, with great Funeral Pomp and Solemnity, at the Church of St. Stephen Walbrook, the Corps of William Pollexfen, Esq; who died a few Days since, at his House in Great Russel-Street, Bloomsbury. He is said to have died possessed of 3000l. per Annum, and 50,000 l. in the Funds. ib.

Last Week the Rev. Mr. Richard Strange, a Dissenting Minister at Bourton on the Water, Gloucestershire, was married to Miss Betty Holiday, of Tedbury; a young Lady with 2000 l. Fortune. ib.

On Tuesday last died, at his House upon Millbank, in the 73d Year of his Age, Mr. Charles Shepard, a celebrated Comedian, who belonged to the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane upwards of forty Years. A Man, tho' not distinguished by the most glaring Characters as an Actor, yet may be truly said, in private Life, to have justly filled up those of the indulgent Husband, the tender Father, the sincere Friend, and in all, the worthy honest Man. ib.

Extract of a Letter from Gosport, Aug. 23.

'Since my last arrived at Spithead, the Assistance, Syren and Amazon Men of War. ib.

'On Thursday Evening came into the Harbour, the Hampton Court and Tyger Men of War; and the Ships Companies, as soon as they came to their Moorings, began unrigging them; but on Friday Commodore Moyston went on board the Hampton-Court, and ordered all Hands upon Deck, when he acquainted the Men, he had received Orders to go to Chatham; which made them very uneasy, they declaring, that at this uncertain Season of the Year, they should have as much Trouble, and run as great Danger in going round, as they had all the Cruice.

'On Friday the Nottingham Man of War arrived at Spithead.

The same Day sailed into the Harbour, the St. Albans and Anson Men of War.

'On Saturday Evening arrived at St. Helens the Intrepid Man of War, Capt. Parry; as likewise the Kent, Prince Frederick, and Ambuscade Men of War. And

'On Sunday came up to Spithead from St. Helens, the Kent, Prince Frederick, and Ambuscade; the two first are expected into the Harbour to be paid off: The Intrepide Man of War remains at St. Helens, being (as it is said) ordered round to lie Guard Ship at Chatham.

'Sunday the Hampton-Court Man of War sailed out of the Harbour to Spithead.

'The same Day the Company of his Majesty's Ship the Syren were paid their Wages on board the said Ship at Spithead, she being shortly to sail to the East-Indies.' ib.

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